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## NOTICE.

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## UNITED STATES.

### *Plague in San Francisco.*

[Continued from PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS, No. 22, pages 1331-1339.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., *June 1, 1900.*

Recently repaired portable steam chamber ordered sent you.

WYMAN.

KINYOUN, *Angel Island, Cal.*

WASHINGTON, D. C., *June 1, 1900.*

Until new and complete regulations can be promulgated under law of 1890 the law of 1893 and interstate quarantine regulations thereunder should be made use of by you. Section 3, lines 4 to 11, authorizes cooperation in execution of both State and municipal regulations. If State and municipal regulations are insufficient suggest State and local boards of health make such as are requisite. Any additional ones which they can not or will not make wire Bureau for incorporation in regulations under 1890. What freight regulations do you deem advisable?

WYMAN.

KINYOUN, *San Francisco, Cal.*

WASHINGTON, D. C., *June 2, 1900.*

Your telegram May 29 states local board health has placed absolute cordon around Chinatown. This being the case wish to know if any discrimination is being made with regard to parties leaving Chinatown and whether any racial discrimination is being made regarding people

leaving San Francisco. It is asserted here that Japanese are still being inoculated or detained if refuse inoculation. Bureau can not enforce or assist in enforcing regulations which make race discrimination. Wire facts.

WYMAN.

KINYOUN, *San Francisco, Cal.*

WASHINGTON, D. C., *June 3, 1900.*

The loan of small disinfecting chamber and installation of it at request of local board of health June 1 approved. Wire cost of installing sulphur furnace on barge. In view of present situation do you still think this necessary? Do not wish to do it unless absolutely necessary or until absolutely necessary. Chamber of commerce at Eureka has wired complaining of fumigation of all vessels from San Francisco that no such orders at other ports on coast; "no Chinese in county and no Chinese goods received; only communication by water," and asks order rescinded or modified. In view of present situation suggest its modification for the present.

WYMAN.

KINYOUN, *San Francisco, Cal.*

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., *June 3, 1900.*

State board met yesterday. Decided to lay whole matter before governor. They feel that since they compelled San Francisco to cordon infected area it would be viewed in light of suspicion by local board if train inspection continued. Informed them that during past four days Chinese and Japanese have gone to several portions of State, many of whom came and are coming from infected districts. Local board admits inefficiency of cordon by reason of lack of funds. Will perhaps be able to meet conditions in a short time. Believe those leaving city coming from or suspected coming from infected area should be kept under observation. Impossible to do this if train inspection abandoned. Will, however, redouble efforts at border if they decide train inspection not necessary or desired. At present State board has no regulations covering inspection trains or vessels. Have suggested they frame such immediately. Board has meeting to-morrow, when matter will be decided. \* \* \*

KINYOUN.

The SURGEON GENERAL,  
*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., *June 3, 1900.*

Case suspicious plague reported May 29 confirmed by bacteriological examination. Two other suspicious June 2.

KINYOUN.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,  
*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., *June 4, 1900.*

The State board has approached governor who at present declines aid or cooperation. General meeting State board called for Wednesday. Cofer leaves to-day. Awaits order depending on board's action. Direct me if I shall continue train inspection service or suspend. State board has no regulations under which I can act, nor has local board of health jurisdiction outside city. \* \* \*

KINYOUN.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,  
*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., *June 4, 1900.*

Have learned from local board Secretary of War consents use Angel Island for detention camp. China Cove recommended. Will require at least one week erect landing pier, gangway, fences, water supply, cost about \$7,500. Suggest this amount be immediately available and Service control camp. Seven thousand Chinese must be moved before Chinatown can be cleansed. Citizens committee has over \$40,000 subscribed for quarantining these people. Am trying to arrange obtain use Mission Rock warehouse for detention camp. This will house 1,500. Request instructions.

KINYOUN.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,  
*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

WASHINGTON, D. C., *June 4, 1900.*

Wire full information concerning house-to house inspection of Chinatown. When begun, how large a force, is it still under way, has it been thorough? Under present conditions and because camps on Angel Island are for the purpose of municipal house cleaning, believe their management and expense should devolve on city. Do not suspend train inspection, but avoid race discrimination.

WYMAN.

KINYOUN, *San Francisco, Cal.*

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., *June 5, 1900.*

House-to-house inspection exists only in name, as only 10 inspectors engaged to make house-to-house inspections. All admit an impossible task owing to existing conditions in Chinese quarter. Inspectors have not found a sick person, nor can they discover the dead; these are found in undertakers' shops, discovered by other persons. So far practically nothing has been done save cordon of district. Have insisted on adequate force and institution proper measures population of indigent and others wishing to go to detention camps. Have been asked to assume direction and charge of detention camp on Mission Rock, expense to be borne by city. Large number Chinese desire to leave city for other portions of State. Believe these should be under care of Service in detention camp, Angel Island. Will continue train inspection service, also bay patrol at night, avoiding any race discrimination. Suggest all facts relative to conditions as telegraphed you, or by reports, be laid before Department State. Rumor this morning injunction will be sought by Chinese to remove quarantine.

KINYOUN.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,  
*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., *June 5, 1900.*

Two suspected cases plague previously reported, 1 confirmed by bacteriological examination, the other tuberculosis. This case plague most typical infection I have ever seen.

KINYOUN.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,  
*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., *June 5, 1900.*

In event assuming charge detention camp Mission Rock will need an active experienced steward additional.

KINYOUN.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,  
*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

WASHINGTON, D. C., *June 5, 1900.*

Have request from steamship company to place inspector on San Francisco and San Diego Line to take steamer at San Diego and take southbound steamer at Port Harford to avoid delay as railway inspector. You are authorized to nominate and place this inspector.

WYMAN.

KINYOUN, *San Francisco, Cal.*

WASHINGTON, D. C., *June 5, 1900.*

Report to Carmichael, Honolulu, first available steamer or transport. If by transport consult Colonel Long.

WYMAN.

Assistant Surgeon AMESSE,  
Care Surgeon KINYOUN, *Angel Island, Cal.*

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., *June 6, 1900.*

Injunction suit by Chinese attorneys filed Federal Court yesterday. Hearing to-morrow. Matters at standstill. If something is not done immediately toward relieving conditions task of controlling disease will be greatly increased. In past week, 1,000 Chinese and Japanese have gone to various portions of State, all with few exceptions residents. Have notified State board health authorities to use Cofer make inspections surrounding districts. Believe necessary have appointed inspector on vessels from here to San Diego. Also wired Cofer nominate good man for Bakersfield, probably will place 1 at Sacramento also. \* \* \*

KINYOUN.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,  
*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

[Reports to the Surgeon-General United States Marine-Hospital Service.]

*Measures to prevent the spread of plague.—Yuma, Ariz., as a base for interstate inspection on California line.*

LOS ANGELES, CAL., *May 25, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that in accordance with your telegram of the 17th instant, I left this station day before yesterday to determine whether Yuma, Ariz., was the most favorable locality from which to operate an effective inspection service against Chinese and Japanese leaving California. Upon my arrival at Yuma, I called with Acting Assistant Surgeon Mitchell upon the superintendent of that division of the Southern Pacific Railway, Mr. Epes Randolph, who, fortunately, happened to be in Yuma for the day, and, after going over the situation with him, gained the promise of his cooperation. Our conclusion was that Yuma was the only place for a base of inspection within a distance of 130 miles of the California line.

The general plan decided upon was as follows: The railway conduc-